

Severe flooding in Louisiana forces evacuations, school closures

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A storm system moving through the southern United States killed at least one person in Texas and forced evacuations in Louisiana on Wednesday.

The storms were expected to continue throughout the day with the heaviest rainfall forecast for eastern Texas, parts of Arkansas and western Louisiana, where flash flood emergencies were declared for the parishes of Bossier, Caddo, Webster, DeSoto and Red River due to widespread flooding.

Nearly a foot of rain fell near Shreveport and another half a foot was expected to fall. The storm moved into the United States from Mexico on Monday night. The Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness warned multiple roadways throughout the state have been closed.

The Meadowview Health and Rehab Center in Minden was partially evacuated due to flood waters. Schools in the Calcasieu and Cameron parishes were closed Wednesday.

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